

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this amendment, Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that the reporter-type application program in the smart card receives an event from a mobile unit. Similarly, claim 9 recites that the reporter-type application program generates the information in response to an event received from the mobile unit.

Contrary to the Office Action's assertions, Applicants respectfully submit that Ritter only discloses a traditional OTA-type architecture system where a SIM server 5 is located on one end and a smart card 2 on the other end. The SIM server 5 delivers data to transform into short messages and is sent to one or several SIM cards in the field.

However, the specific combination of features as recited in independent claims 1 and 9 is neither taught nor suggested by Ritter. For example, and in relation to independent claim 1, the reporter-type application program in the smart card receives an event from a mobile unit and delegates, in response to the receiving step, execution of a smart-card operation to an additional application program stored in a data storage unit of the remote server.

Ritter fails to teach or suggest this specific sequence of events. While the Office Action relies on column 5 of Ritter, Applicants respectfully submit the relied upon portion of Ritter only indicates that the SIM server and the SIM card communicate to exchange files, instructions, and program information, but does not disclose the specific features recited in claims 1 and 9. For example, Ritter is silent as to whether there is a delegation of execution of operation to a remote server in response to an event received from an event received from the mobile unit. Furthermore, and contrary to the features recited in the claims, Ritter indicates that the SIM server is operated by an operator (see column 6, lines 1-3).

At least based on the above, Applicants respectfully submit that since Ritter fails to teach or suggest each and every feature as specifically recited in the claims, Ritter fails to anticipate or render obvious claims 1 and 9. The remaining claims are also patentably distinguishable from Ritter for at least the reasons outlined above and the additional features recited therein.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2146-907758) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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